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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MIYAGAWA, Sachiko; SHINOHARA, Seiji; and YOSHIHARA,
Toshio

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2009, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Species I (Fig. 1). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 3-5 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since it is believed that Species I and II are sufficiently related that all pending claims could be examined in a single application without imposing any undue burden on the PTO. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the election requirement, and examine all pending claims in this application.